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We Claim:

1. Apparatus for establishing a pre-configured multi-port telecommunications connection, comprising:

an Internet network; and

a plurality of end user stations connected to said Internet network;

at least one of said stations having soft button capabilities for generating a message identifying a soft button, in response to an operation of said soft button;

means for receiving said message, and for generating signaling messages for activating pre-specified connections corresponding to connections requested by said at least one station, in response to the operation of one of said soft buttons.

2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the means for activating said connections comprises a proxy server for sending signaling messages to the Internet to activate said requested connections.
3. The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said proxy server comprises a Servlet program for controlling the sending of signaling messages to the Internet

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to activate said requested connections.

4. The apparatus of Claim 2, wherein said at least one end user station comprises an applet program for generating said signaling messages.
5. A method for establishing a pre-configured multi-port telecommunications connection, comprising the steps of:
  - connecting a plurality of end user stations connected to an Internet network;
  - providing at least one of said stations with soft button capabilities for generating a message identifying a soft button, in response to an operation of said soft button; and
  - receiving said message, and generating signaling messages for activating pre-specified connections corresponding to connections requested by said at least one station, in response to the operation of one of said soft buttons.
6. The method of Claim 5, wherein the step of activating said connections comprises providing a proxy server for sending signaling messages to the Internet to activate said requested connections.
7. The method of Claim 6, wherein said proxy server is responsive to a

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Servlet program for controlling the sending of signaling messages to the Internet to activate said requested connections.

8. The method of Claim 6, wherein the step of generating said signaling messages comprises the step of using an applet program to generate said signaling messages.